(iv) All RRBs have been advised to prepare bank specific development action plans to enable them to adopt a systematic approach for their turn-around.

(v) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has provided the RRBs access to profitable avenues for investment of their non-SLR surplus funds in listed and other schemes of Unit Trust of India (UTI), fixed deposits in profit making financial institutions like the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), Industrial Credit Investment Corporation of India (ICICI), Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI), Small Industrial Development Bank of India (SIDBI), in bonds of nationalised banks and profit earning public sector institutions and in non-convertible debentures of reputed blue chip companies. Besides, the RRBs have been permitted by the RBI to deploy a part of their surplus non-SIR funds in the credit portfolio of their sponsor banks through non-risk sharing participation certificates to the issued by the latter.

(vi) Prudential accounting norms of income recognition and asset classification have been applied to RRBs in 1995-96. Provisioning norms would be applied in a phased manner from 1996-97 onwards.

(vii) With effect from 26.08.96, the RBI has fully deregulated the interest rates that can be charged to the ultimate borrowers by the RRBs.

Inland Container Depts/Air Cargos

3208. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a chain of Inland Container Depots/Air Cargos in the Country during the current year as a part of the package to establish infrastructure network to boost exports;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard, so far, and the projects under implementation, in progress and under consideration for clearance; and

(c) the details of proposals pending and action taken/proposed to be taken for their early clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (c) In order to provide door-step facilities, Inland Container Depots/Container Freight Statons (ICDs/CFSs) and Air Cargo Complexes (ACCs) are being set up at vantage location in the country. An Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) is functioning in the Ministry of Commerce since 1992 to provide single window clearance to the proposals for setting up ICDs/CFSs in the country. Prior to the constitution of IMC about 31 such facilities were functional. The Govt. consider proposals for setting up of ICDs/CFSs as and when received and this is an ongoing process and both public and private sector can apply for the same. The primary object being to upgrade infrastructural facility for encouraging exports. The IMC has so far approved 69 proposals for setting up of ICDs/CFSs in the country. A list of approved projects and their present status is given in the attached statement.

ACCs have been set up at the Gateway Airports of Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Thiruvananthapuram and at the inland airports of Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Varanasi, Jaipur, Amritsar, Srinagar, Cochin, Visakhapatnam, Coimbatore, Bhubanewshwar and Dabolin. Besides a proposal for setting up of ACC at Indore has been approved and State Govt. has been requested to prepare an implementation plan.

A proposal for setting up of ACC at Patna is also under consideration. The proposals for setting up ICDs/CFSs under consideration of the Govt. are also given in the Annexure.

STATEMENT

Status of ICDs/CFSs Approved by Inter Ministerial Committee

1	2
Functioning (26)	
Amritsar (Punjab)	Surat (Gujarat)
Calcutta (West Bengal)...2 CFSs	Jodhpur (Rajasthan)
Nhava Sheva (Maharashtra)	Tirupur (Tamil Nadu)
Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu)....3 CFSs	Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh)
Dronagiri Node (Maharashtra)	Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)
Madras (Tamil Nadu)....4 CFSs	Agra (Uttar Pradesh)
Cochin (Kerala)....2 CFSs	Salem (Tamil Nadu)
Indore (Madhya Pradesh)	Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)
Kandla (Gujarat)	Raxaul (Bihar)
	Nagpur (Maharashtra)

1	2
Under Implementation (40)	
Faridabad (Haryana)	Jalgaon (Maharashtra)
Rewari (Haryana)	Dronagiri (Nhava Sheva)....3 CFSs
Dasrath (Baroda), Gujarat	Waluj (Maharashtra)
Nasik (Gujarat)	Jashkar (Maharashtra)
Porbunder (Gujarat)	New Mangalore (Karnataka)
Rajkot (Gujarat)	Panambur (Karnataka)
Udaipur (Rajasthan)	Cochin (Kerala)....3 CFSs
Kota (Rajasthan)	Madras (Tamil Nadu)....3 CFSs
Bhilwara (Rajasthan)	Silliguri (West Bengal)
Bhiwadi (Rajasthan)	Haldia (West Bengal)
Bhatinda (Punjab)	Meerut (Uttar Pradesh)
Ballasore (Orissa)	Unnao (Uttar Pradesh)
Paradip Port (Orissa)	Saharanpur (Uttar Pradesh)
Malanpur (Gwalior), Madhya Pradesh	Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh)
Raipur (Madhya Pradesh)	Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)
Aurangabad (Maharashtra)	Verna (Goa)
Nagpur (Maharashtra)	Barwala (Near Chandigarh)
Under Consideration (7)	
Aroor (Kerala)	Chanje (Maharashtra)
Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu)....2 CFSs	Ludhiana (Punjab)
Dadri (Uttar Pradesh)	Greater Noida (Uttar Pradesh)

Note: Of the 69 approved proposals, one CFS (at Kalamboli) was closed down while other two CFSs (at Kanpur and Faridabad) were cancelled as per the request of the party.

Conditions of Workers Under TTCI in West Bengal

3209. SHRI R.B. RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tea gardens owned by the Tea Trading Corporation of India in West Bengal with its area and number of workers and employees working in each gardens;

(b) whether these tea gardens are functioning at present;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the amount of payment made to the workers and employees as on date in different each tea garden;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the TTCI is following/implementing the statutory provisions meant for the works in respect of housing, medical and other benefits;

(g) if so, details thereof; and

(h) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Required information is attached as Statement.

(b) and (c) While Looksan and Potong tea estates are producing finished tea, Pashok and Vah-Tukvar tea estates are, at present, not producing black tea due to labour problems resulting from delay in payment of salary/wages etc. on account of acute financial problems of TTCI Ltd.

(d) and (e) Wages of the employees in a garden are determined by a tripartite agreement arrived at between the Planters' Associations and the Trade Union leaders in the presence of State Government representatives. Ap-